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FM AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5094

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

UNCLAS FRANKFURT 5170

FOR VO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CVIS, GW

SUBJECT:REPORTING OF ISSUED NIVS

REF: CA-821 DATED FEBRUARY 19, 1971

1. CONGEN HAS THREE TODD MACHINES: ONE ELECTRIC RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT FOR REPAIR IN MAY 1973, NOT YET RETURNED TO POST; ONE ELECTRIC AND ONE MANUAL MALFUNCTIONING, OUR REPAIRMAN HAS PRESENTLY IN WORKING ORDER BUT BELIEVES THAT BOTH WILL BECOME COMPLETELY INOPERATIVE IN NEAR FUTURE. HE ALSO BELIEVES THAT WITH THE NEXT BREAKDOWN THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE BEYOND REPAIR.

2. WE ARE TAKING THESE ACTIONS IMMEDIATELY: A) WE ARE BORROWING A NEW ELECTRIC MACHINE FROM BONN, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO US AS SOON AS THE KEYS CAN BE LOCATED, AND B) WE ARE ORDERING ONE ELECTRIC AND ONE MANUAL MACHINE, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THEY WILL BE RECEIVED.

3. OUR NORMAL NIV WORKLOAD IS NOW APPROXIMATELY 350 PER DAY AND INCREASING. IN THE EVENT ALL MACHINES BECOME INOPERATIVE, WE WOULD THEN REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO USE HAND STAMP. IT MUST BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF PART IV OF CA-821 WOULD ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY OF VISAS BY MAIL, SINCE THE USUAL APPLICATION DOES NOT PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION. ALSO, THE COMPILING OF INFORMATION AND THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON A DAILY BASIS IN SUCH VOLUME WOULD SERIOUSLY STRAIN CAPABILITIES OF POST, SINCE

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WITH NORMAL ISSUANCE PROCEDURE WE ARE BARELY ABLE TO COPE. OUR

CONTEMPLATED ALTERNATIVE TO SUCH ACTION IN THE EVENT OF A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN WOULD BE TO DEFER ISSUANCE OF ALL NONIMMIGRANT VISAS EXCEPT THOSE IN WHICH IMMEDIATE TRAVEL IS NECESSARY.

4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADVISE A) ARE THE DETAILED REPORTING REQUIRMENTS OF PAR IV STILL IN EFFECT AND B) WHEN CAN WE EXPECT THE RETURN OF OUR REPAIRED MACHINE. THE POST HAS DIRECTED A SEPARATE INQUIRY TO THE DEPARTMENT, ST/P (FRANKFURT 5182) CONCERNING THE LATTER.HARLAN

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